

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

June 17, 2021

The Honorable Tammy Baldwin  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Agriculture,  
Rural Development, Food and Drug  
Administration, and Related Agencies  
Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable John Hoeven  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Agriculture,  
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Dear Chairman Baldwin and Ranking Member Hoeven,

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has a pecuniary interest in any of the congressionally directed spending items that I have requested in the Fiscal Year 2022 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies appropriations bill, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey A. Merkley  
United States Senator

**Merkley, Jeff(D-OR) Agriculture  
Congressionally Directed Spending Requests**

<b>Recipient Name</b>	<b>Project Purpose</b>	<b>Project Location</b>	<b>Amount Requested (\$000)</b>
Eastern Oregon Regional Theatre, Inc., Baker Orphe	Funding would expand access to arts and humanities in a rural community by providing a suitably sized venue and an acoustically sound stage for the performing arts.	Baker County OR	\$443
High Desert Partnership	The funding would launch a native seed operation to help farmers switch from water intensive crops to native plants.	Burns OR	\$1,000
Harney County	The project would bring local jail into compliance with safety regulations and ADA guidelines.	Burns OR	\$2,000
Ochoco Irrigation District	The funds from this request will be used to support irrigation modernization within the Ochoco Irrigation District.	Crook County OR	\$4,875
Deschutes River Conservancy	This project would provide technical and financial assistance to 15 landowners on McKay Creek to improve on-farm irrigation efficiencies.	Crook County OR	\$750
The Freshwater Trust	The funding would be used to analyze the Crooked River to identify places where conservation efforts can be used to reduce agricultural runoff.	Crook County OR	\$1,000
Arnold Irrigation District	The funds from this request will be used to modernize a section of Arnold's Main Canal.	Deschutes County OR	\$4,200
Detroit Lake Foundation	This project would construct a new community center in Detroit, Oregon, after the City Hall burned down during the 2020 wildfires.	Detroit OR	\$500
Grant County	This project would provide broadband services in Grant county.	Grant County OR	\$178
City of Dayville, Oregon	This project would help to restore Dayville Community Hall.	Grant County OR	\$190
City of John Day	This project would restore a timber mill's former planar shed and convert it into a community pavilion.	Grant County OR	\$125
East Fork Irrigation District	Funding would be used to pipe the rest of the Eastside Lateral Pipeline Project.	Hood River County OR	\$2,500
City of Cascade Locks	This project would upgrade the Cascade Locks City Hall.	Hood River County OR	\$1,875
Warm Springs Community Action Team	This funding would support renovations to the 125-year-old Commissary Building, a historic structure in the heart of Warm Springs Agency.	Jefferson County OR	\$450
Sherman County Court	This project would support Sherman County's Broadband Solar Trailer Project	Sherman County OR	\$100
Oregon Food Bank	This proposal would purchase and renovate facilities for four of Oregon's regional food banks.	Union County OR	\$2,050
Community Connection of Northeast Oregon, Inc.	This project would allow for Community Connection of Northeast Oregon, Inc. to move to a new facility after facing eviction from their current building on July 31, 2021.	Union County OR	\$50
City of La Grande	The purpose of this project is to construct a deflection levee to provide protection for the City of La Grande and the Upper Grande Ronde Valley in the case of dam failure at Morgan Lake.	Union Coutny OR	\$638
Wallowa Lake Irrigation District	This project would rehabilitate the existing Wallowa Lake Dam.	Wallowa County OR	\$2,000

Maxville Heritage Interpretive Center	This funding would be used to preserve and expand the Maxville Center.	Wallowa County OR	\$500
Wheeler County	This project would expand broadband in Wheeler County.	Wheeler County OR	\$425
Friends of the Fossil Library	The project would allow the Fossil Public Library to remodel its current facility or construct a new facility.	Wheeler County, Oregon OR	\$50